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## **2008 Michigan Budget – AGC Monitoring Closely**

As the deadline approaches for a potential government shutdown in Michigan, contractors should consider making inquiries about the impact the shutdown might have on current construction projects. Will payment be affected? Will inspections be affected? Will personnel be available?

A number of possibilities exist, including a continuation budget to keep the government from shutting down. Attached for your review is the latest “[Karoub Report](#)” with details on the situation in Lansing relative to the 2008 budget. AGC of Michigan has been working closely with Karoub to represent the interests of the entire construction industry, particularly in regard to any new taxes that might impact the industry. We have made our position well-known in the legislature about how new taxes would affect an industry already reeling from Michigan’s struggling economy.

As lawmakers meet at all hours of the night and into the weekend, Karoub and AGC will follow the discussions and related votes and continue to represent our industry. When an agreement is reached, we will report to you on its impact on the industry. We are all hopeful that we can put Michigan back to work and that difficult but critical legislative decisions to accomplish this can be arrived at without any further harm to our economy.

We are taking extreme care to separate out construction from inclusion in any service tax, luxury tax, or excise tax. Please see the [attached one-pager](#) to legislators on the service tax. AGC has already communicated our opposition to a service tax to legislative leaders and have been assured that construction will not be included.

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